23. / A dynnar wyth the Kynge in hyeynge against. And understood by him / he sayd of Canterbury / the deane of Canterbury. the deane of Windsor. &c. / that he wist / they bin by thy troubled wyth melancholy / bene 3: or 4: months: but he fell sudenly sodenly oppressed wyth it / in so many that sho refused to take any thing / to receive any physick: or admit any rest in bedd / till wyth those 2. or three dayes / sho gave bin in a manner speechless for 2: dayes / there poynted and sleep signs / frolytides / sitting poynted only fixe eye fixed upon one object many words together / yet sho alwayes had the perfect sense / and memory and yesterday signified by the lifting up of her Eyes and hand to heaven / a signe wyth the party entreated of her / for sho believed that faytg wyth sho truly must to be receyved / and looked faythfully to be saved by christ merits and mercy only and not other meanes / / sho tooke great delight in hearing prayers / round often at the name of Jesus lift up her eyes and hand to heaven / sho would not leave the dayes speake of joye of the longer lyfe / but before the prayer or state of Salvation and the joyes / sho would cast the sheet over it / ~~[illegible]~~ it seemed sho might have lived if sho would have taken more meanes: but sho would not be perswaded / and poynted must not be forced / / the perfect / sayd / sho had a body of a frame and perfect constitution / likely to have lived many yeares / a royall majesty is not provided against death / /

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When you did me the honour to appoint me President of your most useful Society as the successor of the Marquess Camden, I felt anxious to express my sense of that honour by some appropriate acknowledgment.

I at first thought of printing a MS. from my own library, but, not finding one that seemed exactly suitable, in my difficulty I applied to my old and valued friend Mr. Bruce, and he pointed out to me Manningham's Diary in the British Museum as possessing a varied interest in the literary world which was likely to commend it to your notice. I willingly adopted his suggestion; and I owe to him my sincere acknowledgments for the pains he has bestowed in seeing the work through the press, and in prefacing it with an interesting essay.

I have now to offer you this copy of Manningham's little book, and to assure you how sincerely I am

Your obedient and obliged servant,

WILLIAM TITE.

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